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**SAVANNAH, Ga.** - The top-ranked and defending DII national champion Armstrong Atlantic State women's tennis team defeated No. 5-ranked Columbus State, 9-0, in Peach Belt Conference action on Sunday afternoon at the AASU Tennis Complex.

The Lady Pirates (7-0, 5-0 PBC) ran its consecutive regular season Peach Belt match win streak to 57 with the victory, handing Columbus State (5-1, 3-1 PBC) its first loss of the 2009 season.

AASU swept all three doubles matches, then picked up wins in all six singles matches. In a battle of top five-ranked singles players, No. 1 Sona Novakova bested No. 5 Eva Petschnig, 6-0, 7-6 (3), at No. 1 singles. **Alida Muller-Wehlau**, ranked 8th in Division II, picked up a 6-1, 6-0 win over No. 42 Roxana Dondera at No. 2 singles.

Two other Pirates picked up straight-set wins in singles. No. 18-ranked Gabriella Kovacs downed Hanane Toumi, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 3 singles, while No. 38-ranked Martina Beckmann beat Gabriela Vasilescu, 6-3, 6-3, at No. 4 singles.

The last two singles matches each went to a 10-point tiebreak. No. 33-ranked Alisa Kagukina rallied to defeat Daniela Castillo, 5-7, 6-4, (10-8) at No. 5 singles, while Tina Ronel also rallied to beat Erin Reynolds, 4-6, 6-2, (10-5) at No. 6 singles.

AASU returns to action on Tuesday, February 24, with a 2:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference match at No. 19 GCSU in Milledgeville, Ga.



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